Looking Forward in Partnership: RICS Futures
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Sector fact file
- Construction contributes 10% to global GDP
- Buildings and construction works have the largest single share in global resource use and pollution
- Over 75% of the global population live without secure land and property rights
A human predicament...

We tend to overestimate change in the short-run and understate it in the long.

- Adapted from Roy Amara, Past President of the Institute of the Future

Are surveying professionals...

...Shapers or followers?
RICS Futures – The 7 Pillars

Our 7 pillars

Thinking ahead

Where are our future markets?
What risks will these markets face?
How will we live, work, play and communicate?
Leadership and inspiration

Who will lead our sectors?

How can we inspire the best and brightest to pursue a career in our sector?

Which skills will future leaders need? How do we build this skillset into education?

New skills & multidisciplinarity

How can we bring together multi-disciplinary teams? What skills do we need to achieve this integration?

Is the concept of professional bodies fit for the future?

Where will the skills and education gaps appear?
Who should we align ourselves with?  
How do we achieve true collaboration without losing our voice?  
Is the concept of one land, property and construction professional body Utopian.

**Networks**

Will social issues become the new ‘green’?  
How to create global performance standards that have real impact?

**Sustainability**
Technology

How will technology shape our work, design and built environments?

Will technology render parts of the profession redundant?

Will further technological development be a curse or a blessing?

Ethics, values & standards

How will our ethical standards and principles evolve?

How do we continue to serve the public interest in the future?

How much demand will there be for our standards in the future?
"The economic, technological and societal changes that have occurred over the last two decades have had a significant impact on the construction sector. These have been further acerbated by the financial crisis of 2008."

Participant
Engaging with young professionals

The future of our profession
“One big take for me was around collaboration, which got several mentions; we can all see how successful the IPMS Coalition is proving,”

Bill Jones Regional Director ASEAN
Growing demand from consumers for more cost effective, energy saving and ‘zero carbon’ high rise buildings.

The challenge to achieve this as developers are reluctant with minimal government support.

Hong Kong, 15th January

"There will be a significant shift away from old ways of working

The client wants the best and highest degree of professionalism."

Albert Lau

Shanghai, 17th January 2014
Accra, February 18th 2014

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What have we learnt so far……
RICS Futures – Differences

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Next steps......

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